

forest purpose without prior approval of the Central Government under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and non-fulfilment of stipulations laid down in the approval orders of the Ministry.

(c) and (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

*[Translation]*

#### Consumer Courts

3188 SHRI RAMKRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumer courts have been set up in all the States particularly in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. At present 31 State Commissions and 518 District Fora are functioning in the States and UTs. The State-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed. The responsibility for setting up of District Fora rests with the State Governments.

#### Statement

##### Consumer Courts

State/UT	State Commission	Number of District Fora
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	1	23
Arunachal Pradesh	1	13
Assam	1	23
Bihar	1	55
Goa	1	2
Gujarat	1	20
Haryana	1	16

1	2	3
Himachal Pradesh	1	12
Jammu & Kashmir	1	2
Karnataka	1	20
Kerala	1	14
Madhya Pradesh	1	45
Maharashtra	1	34
Manipur	1	8
Meghalaya	1	7
Mizoram	1	3
Nagaland	1	7
Orissa	1	31
Punjab	1	17
Rajasthan	1	32
Sikkim	1	4
Tamil Nadu	1	24
Tripura	1	3
Uttar Pradesh	1	72
West Bengal	1	19
Andaman & Nicobar	1	2
Chandigarh	1	1
D & N Haveli	1	1
Daman & Diu	1	2
Delhi	1	4
Lakshadweep	1	1
Pondicherry	1	1
Total	32	518